PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

BROSSE et al.

Application No.: 09/936,622

Filed: January 4, 2002

Examiner: Cephia D. Toomer

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USE OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS FOR TREATMENT OF RAW HIDE, CORRESPONDING COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS, AND HIDES THUS

TREATED

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 11, 2003

Sir:

For:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 11, 2002, the period for response having been extended from January 11, 2003, to February 11, 2003, with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 14, 17, 21, 24-25, 31-32 and 34-45 as follows: